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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ove HOECH-GULDBERG et al

CHAPT II filing

Appln. No.: of PCT/AU00/00056

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Examiner: Unknown

For: PIGMENT PROTEIN FROM CORAL TISSUE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 3, insert

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-- This application is a 371 of PCT/AU00/00056 filed  
February 2, 2001. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 27.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 1. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a pigment protein from coral tissue (PPCT) capable of emitting fluorescence upon irradiation by incident light, wherein maximal absorbance of